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SPUR OUTPUT OF TRACTOR PARTS;
MTS GETS ELECTRIC TRACTORS

LENINGRAD PLANTS TURN OUT TRACTOR PARTS -- Trud, No 67, 19 Mar 50

Large quantities of parts for agricultural machines are dispatched daily from Leningrad to other parts of the country. Dozens of carloads of spare parts have been unloaded at Rostov-on-Don, Zaporozh'ye, Tula, Gomel', Zlatoust, and other cities.

The Leningrad Linotip Plant has consigned thousands of tractor parts to the Kaliningrad, Pskov, and Smolensk oblasts.

The Leningrad Krasnogvardeyets Plant will produce a large quantity of spare parts for tractors this year.

Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 61, 24 Mar 50

The Novokramatorsk Plant imeni Stalin has completed the quarter plan for the production of tractor spare parts.

FAIL TO DELIVER KhtZ-7 TRACTOR PARTS -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 74, 28 Mar 50

In a letter published by Stalinskoye Plemya, the assemblers of the Kharkov Tractor Assembly Plant complained that the completion of the universal KhtZ-7 tractors of their plant was always delayed by various plants which manufacture the separate parts for the tractor. Among them are the Kharkov, Kiev, Dnepropetrovsk, Voroshilovgrad, and Zaporozh'ye plants.

Among the first to respond to the letter were the komsomols of the Voroshilovgrad "20 let Oktyabrya" Plant, who attributed the negligence of their plant to the irresponsibility of the managing staff. They promised that the production of parts for the KhtZ-7 would be taken under the special aegis of the party.

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A Pravda Ukrainy correspondent investigated the assembly of the KhTZ-7 on the spot and found that the assembly shop was working with great enthusiasm and efficiency. However, a number of tractors, virtually completed, could not be shipped out because the fuel tanks had not been delivered by the Kiev Metalloposuda Plant (director, Sosnitskiy). Other tractors could not be shipped because of defective parts delivered by the "20 let Otkryabrya" Plant (director, Arkhipov) and the Krasnyy Luch Plant (director, Leonov).

It is obvious Karpovtsev, chief of the Ukrmashprom Trust, Ministry of Local Industry Ukrainian SSR, whose trust includes both the Tractor Assembly Plant and the Metalloposuda, has failed to grasp the significance of the new tractor.

EXPLAINS PROPER USE OF DIESEL TRACTOR -- Pravda Vostoka, No 71, 26 Mar 50

The Uzbek Republic has just received new DT-54 tractors for plowing, which, when properly used, can operate 2,000 hours without interruption or any need for repairs.

During the first days of operation some of the tractors were seriously damaged because the MTS had not been instructed in their proper care. One reason for such damage is the failure to follow rules in priming and oiling the starting engine. It should be oiled by the addition of 7-9 percent of Diesel oil to the gasoline used for the engine; the two liquids should be thoroughly mixed in a separate vessel. The use of pure gasoline will invariably lead to breakage. Before new tractors are put in operation or after they have been idle for several days, the oil residue must be removed. The starting engine should never run for more than 5-7 minutes.

The Diesel engine should be started at medium power, and the accelerator should be advanced not more than one-third of the way.

In Diesel tractors, the fuel employed must be of the purest kind; the presence of even minute impurities will cause a rapid breakdown of the fuel system. Prior to priming, the fuel should be allowed to stand for not less than 48 hours, and the residue in the tractor (approximately 5-6 kilograms) should be removed.

Diesel oil should be used for oiling the engine; motor oil is expressly forbidden. The oil should be changed in the Diesel pan every 100-120 hours of operation. The coarse filter should be washed out every 50-60 hours and the fine filter elements should be washed out every 100-120 hours. The oil in the lower part of the air cleaner must not be allowed to rise above the ring band; otherwise, the engine will overheat and be damaged.

A new tractor should be given a break-in period lasting 50-60 hours, in neutral gear at first, then under load, with the number of plow bottoms gradually increased.

DELIVER ELECTRIC TRACTORS -- Pravda Vostoka, No 76, 1 Apr 50

New electric tractors have been delivered to the Second Yanga-Yul' MTS.

GAUGE WORKERS EXCEED NORM -- Komsomol'skaya Pravda, No 77, 31 Mar 50

At the Altai Tractor Plant imeni Kalinin, all the workers in the gauge division of the tool shop are exceeding their norms

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